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1. The East German Ministry of Mining and Smelting has encountered serious difficulties in meeting the demand for thin-gauge plate, especially in the dimensions 1 mm. and 1.5 mm.
2. For the first quarter of 1953 the following situation in thin-gauge plate obtains: (all weights are in metric tons).
  - a. Walzwerk Durg has a rolling quota (Auflage-Soll) of 1,000 tons. Only 50 of this quota will be met because plate bar did not arrive from Hennigsdorf until early February. Thus Walzwerk Durg will roll only 200 tons in February and 300 tons in March.
  - b. Blechwalzwerke Olbernhau has a rolling quota of 1,500 tons. The Olbernhau mill has on hand at present orders for more than 1,500 tons of thin-gauge plate. Because of a power supply breakdown which halted production for six days and because of the poor delivery to Olbernhau of plate bar, 200 tons of the quota cannot be met.
  - c. Eisenhuettenwerk Thale will roll 100% of quota.
3. For the first quarter of 1953 the following situation in transformer sheet obtains:
  - a. Walzwerk Durg has a rolling quota of 900 tons and has on hand orders for 460 tons.
  - b. Blechwalzwerke Olbernhau has a rolling quota of 600 tons and has on hand orders for 558 tons.
  - c. Eisenhuettenwerk Thale has a rolling quota of 900 tons and has on hand orders for 1,310 tons.

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4. For the first quarter of 1953 the following situation in thin-gauge plate (.9 mm. up to 3 mm.) obtains:
- Walzwerk Durg has a rolling quota of 2,950 tons.
  - Blechwalzwerke Olbernshau has a rolling quota of 1,350 tons and has on hand orders for 1,445 tons. Only 1,130 tons will be delivered because of a power supply breakdown and the poor delivery of plate bar from Hennigsdorf.
  - Eisenhuettenwerk Thale has a rolling quota of 26,050 tons and has on hand orders for 23,000 tons.
5. For the first quarter of 1953 the following situation in thin-gauge plate under .9 mm. pertains:
- Walzwerk Durg has a rolling quota of 600 tons. At present the mill has delivered 194 tons and will fulfill additional orders amounting to 200 tons.
6. For the second quarter of 1953 the following rolling mill production of thin-gauge plate will be delivered as per plan:
- Walzwerk Durg has a rolling quota of 2,950 tons for plate of from .9 mm. up to 3 mm. and a quota of 600 tons for plate of less than .9 mm. thickness.
  - Walzwerk Olbernshau has a rolling quota of 1,350 tons for plate of from .9 mm. up to 3 mm. Orders to deliver amount to approximately 1,050 tons.
  - Eisenhuettenwerk Thale has been assigned a rolling quota of 26,500 tons for plate of from .9 mm. up to 3 mm. in the DDR economic plan. Thale, however, lists its quota at 23,050 tons.
7. Orders in the second quarter for thin-gauge plate of 1 mm. and 1.25 mm. cannot be filled entirely. Orders exceed capacity as follows:

	<u>Present Capacity</u>	<u>Second Quarter Orders</u>
Thale	1,000 tons	2,100 tons
Durg	600 tons	950 tons
Olbernshau	120 tons	120 tons

Additional orders amounting to 2,000 tons are in the hands of the metallurgical trade centrals which have not as yet been placed with the rolling mills.

8. The following pertains to second quarter plans for miscellaneous thin-gauge plate production:

<u>Plate</u>	<u>Rolling Mill</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Orders</u>
under .9 mm.	Durg	475 tons	560 tons
dynamo sheet iron	Thale	2,500 tons	2,500 tons
transformer sheet	Thale	1,000 tons	1,100 tons
special electric sheet	Thale	700 tons	(700 tons for first half of 1953)